



# MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

Serving Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and  
the Counties of Augusta and Rockingham

December 21, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting  
350 Technology Drive  
Staunton, Virginia 24401  
(Via Zoom)

## **Finance Committee Members:**

Jennifer Whetzel, Augusta Assistant County Administrator  
Cameron McCormick, Waynesboro City Finance Director  
Larry Propst, Harrisonburg City Finance Director  
Phillip Trayer, Staunton City Finance Director

## **Facility Staff:**

Jeffery Newton, Superintendent, Middle River Regional Jail  
Eric Young, Major of Operations, Middle River Regional Jail  
Lori Nicholson, Director of Support Services, Middle River Regional Jail  
Jeannie Colvin, Finance Director, Middle River Regional Jail  
Tina Reed, Recorder, Middle River Regional Jail

## **Others Present:**

Misty Cook, Finance Director, Augusta County  
Tyler Moses, IT Technician, Middle River Regional Jail  
Ted Cole, Davenport & Company  
Adam Bricker, Moseley Architects  
Tony Bell, Moseley Architects

Meeting called to order and Mr. Newton welcomed everyone.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Whetzel made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2020. Mr. Propst seconded the motion. **Approval was unanimous.**

## **Jail Expansion Plan Update:**

Superintendent Newton introduced the discussion of Jail Expansion. He noted that MRRJ Staff had met with Mr. Bell after the December 2, 2020 Board meeting concerning how potential jail expansion could be presented in a more digestible form. Specifically, Moseley was requested to reduce Options (A, B, C – to more manageable pieces) so the Board would be able to prioritize MRRJ expansion needs. Additionally, Superintendent Newton requested that Moseley relook the population projections included in the Middle River Regional Jail Authority Community Based Corrections Plan considering proposed changes to how earned good time was anticipated to be awarded to Virginia Department of Corrections inmates in the future.

Mr. Bell then updated the Finance Committee on the Jail Expansion Plan. A number of options have been developed in order for the Finance Committee to have choices moving forward. Options presented are as follows:



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Also presented was an updated population projection:

UPDATED PROJ BASED ON OFFENDER COUNT 20% REDUCTION OF STATE RESP

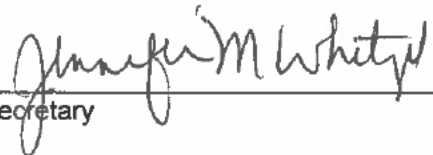
Fiscal Year								
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Jul	883	921	964	1,005	1,048	1,090	1,132	1174
Aug	889	929	971	1,013	1,055	1,097	1,139	1181
Sep	897	936	978	1,020	1,062	1,105	1,146	1188
Oct	900	939	981	1,023	1,066	1,107	1,150	1191
Nov	900	938	981	1,023	1,065	1,107	1,150	1191
Dec	892	930	973	1,015	1,057	1,099	1,141	1184
Jan	898	936	979	1,021	1,063	1,105	1,147	1189
Feb	908	947	989	1,031	1,073	1,116	1,157	1200
Mar	916	955	998	1,040	1,082	1,124	1,167	1208
Apr	919	959	1,001	1,043	1,085	1,127	1,170	1211
May	917	958	1,000	1,042	1,085	1,126	1,169	1210
Jun	912	954	997	1,038	1,081	1,122	1,165	1208
Average	903	942	985	1,027	1,069	1,111	1,153	1,185
Minimum	883	921	964	1,005	1,048	1,090	1,132	1,174
Maximum	919	959	1,001	1,043	1,085	1,127	1,170	1,211
Change								
Percent	-	4.32%	4.38%	4.20%	4.03%	3.87%	3.82%	3.50%
Number	-	39	42	42	42	42	43	41

Mr. Cole reviewed potential financing options. The bank and/or financial institution will require a majority approval and may require unanimous approval from member jurisdictions. He also reviewed payment options and debt service.

Mr. Trayer requested that staff work on an option and estimate operational costs for a 200-bed option. Ms. Colvin responded that staff would work to develop the operational costs for a 200-bed option.

All committee members gave input to some of the items they would like to see happen however, finances will be a deciding factor for some localities.

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 Secretary

